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15 JAN 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Allen W. Dulles

SUBJECT : Status of National Indications Center for Document Control

1. The National Indications Center (NIC) is an interagency organization established by DCID 1/2 to support the Watch Committee of the IAC. CIA has provided the incumbent Director of the NIC. Because security is a responsibility of command, a document control and security system has been adopted, based on appropriate CIA regulations adapted to meet special circumstances in the NIC. Under this system the NIC will afford secure handling, as required by Executive Order 10501, to intelligence materials received from all agencies. The Security Officer of the NIC is drafting detailed security and document control regulations which will be available for review by interested agencies.

2. The contemplated control system will entail separate status for the NIC for purposes of document control and security accountability. The Watch Committee of the IAC at its meeting of 12 January 1955 recommended that the principle of separate status for the NIC be accepted. It is requested that you recognize this separate status and provide to the NIC, located at BC-956 in the Pentagon, such intelligence materials under the primary cognizance of your agency which are pertinent to the Watch Committee mission.

C. P. Cabell  
Lieutenant General, USAF  
Chairman, Watch Committee

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Identical Memo to: Each IAC Member  
cc: Each Watch Committee Member

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